(b) to (d) There are three link roads connecting Mathura Road to Western Avenue Maharani Bagh. Speed-breakers have been constructed on all the aforesaid link roads. Over-head barriers at the height of 8 feet have not been erected. Manually operated barriers, however, exist at all the three link roads. Wrong parking of all vehicles including heavy traffic vehicles and buses is prohibited in the area and defaulters are prosecuted.

Migration of Pakistani Sindhis to India

2429. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of Sindhis are leaving Pakistan because of atrocities being committed on them and are coming to India for settling down;

(b) whether Government are also aware that their cases for grant of citizenship, even in genuine and undisputed cases, are inordinately delayed at various levels;

(c) whether Government will take steps to streamline the procedure for the grant of citizenship of Sindhi refugees; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Arms to Terrorists from Pakistan's Ojheri Dump

2430. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Punjab militants may have got Ojheri arms" which appeared in the Indian Express of the 24th June, 1988;

(b) if so, whether the Punjab terrorists are being supplied arms from the Pakistani arms dump at Ojheri; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Government have no such information.

(c) Does not arise.

Invoking of Essential Services Maintenance Act, 1981

2431. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) on how many occasions Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA) has been invoked to suppress strikes in the essential services since ESMA came into force; and

(b) the details of States which have implemented this Act and the States which have not implemented the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Essential Services Maintenance Act 1981 came into force on the 23rd Sept. 1981. Since then the Central Government have invoked the provisions of the Act on 49 occasions to prohibit strikes in essential services such as those in Food Corporation of India, CPWD, Maharashtra State Electricity Board, Central Warehousing Corporation, Coal India Ltd., Security Paper Mill, Hoshangabad, Uranium Industry, Telegraphs and Telephones etc.